To first Duke of Northumberland.

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Sir Hugh Smithson,
1st Earl of Northumberland.
Original letters
Elector

Wm Lewis
1714 - 1788
Chemist
Secretary

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44. *1830* in Davy's place, became one of the eight foreign correspondents of the Paris Academy of Sciences. *1825* Royal Society's Annual Prize (given by George IV) "for his development of the chemical theory of . . . the Atomic Theory and other discoveries." *1822 Summer:* visit to Paris, where he met many French men of science with whom he had corresponded, Laplace, Gay-Lussac, Biot, Ampère, etc.)

312 —— DAVY (SIR H.), 1778-1829. P.R.S., 2 pp., 4to, *(1810),* addressed on verso to JOHN DALTON, Sec. Lit. Philo. Soc. Manchester; regarding the new arrangements of the Royal Institution and overdrawn account; the Managers expect "to discharge the whole of their debt to you" soon. "I have sent a copy of my last paper to Dr. Henry which I hope he will shew to you." "My estimation of Phosphorated Hydrogen does not accord with yours" and elaborating; *endorsed on verso by Dalton; a little worn in folds, some staining and remains of mount on*